

service may be paid special pay at the rate of \$150 for any month in which he was entitled to basic pay and in which he—

(1) was subject to hostile fire or explosion of hostile mines;

(2) was on duty in an area in which he was in imminent danger of being exposed to hostile fire or explosion of hostile mines and in which, during the period he was on duty in that area, other members of the uniformed services were subject to hostile fire or explosion of hostile mines;

(3) was killed, injured, or wounded by hostile fire, explosion of a hostile mine, or any other hostile action; or

(4) was on duty in a foreign area in which he was subject to the threat of physical harm or imminent danger on the basis of civil insurrection, civil war, terrorism, or wartime conditions.

A member covered by clause (3) who is hospitalized for the treatment of his injury or wound may be paid special pay under this section for not more than three additional months during which he is so hospitalized.

(b) A member may not be paid more than one special pay under this section for any month. A member may be paid special pay under this section in addition to any other pay and allowances to which he may be entitled.

(c) Any determination of fact that is made in administering this section is conclusive. Such a determination may not be reviewed by any other officer or agency of the United States unless there has been fraud or gross negligence. However, the determination may be changed on the basis of new evidence or for other good cause.

(Added Pub. L. 88-132, §9(a)(1), Oct. 2, 1963, 77 Stat. 216; amended Pub. L. 89-132, §4, Aug. 21, 1965, 79 Stat. 547; Pub. L. 98-94, title IX, §905(a), (b)(1), Sept. 24, 1983, 97 Stat. 636, 637; Pub. L. 99-145, title VI, §638(a), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 649; Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XIII, §1322(c)(6), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1672; Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title VI, §§611(a), 613, Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1376, 1377.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-190 substituted “Under” for “Except in time of war declared by Congress, and under” and “rate of \$150” for “lowest rate for hazardous duty incentive pay specified in section 301(c)(1) of this title”.

1990—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101-510 struck out subsec. (d) which read as follows: “The Secretary of Defense shall report to Congress by March 1 of each year on the administration of this section during the preceding calendar year.”

1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-145 substituted “at the lowest rate for hazardous duty incentive pay specified in section 301(c)(1) of this title” for “at the rate of \$65 a month” in provisions preceding cl. (1).

1983—Pub. L. 98-94, §905(b)(1), inserted “or imminent danger” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 98-94, §905(a), added cl. (4).

1965—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-132 increased rate of special pay from \$55 to \$65 a month.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Section 638(b) of Pub. L. 99-145 provided that: “The amendment made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1985.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Section 905(c) of Pub. L. 98-94 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1983.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1965 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 89-132 effective Sept. 1, 1965, see section 10 of Pub. L. 89-132, set out as a note under section 203 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1963, see section 14 of Pub. L. 88-132, set out as an Effective Date of 1963 Amendment note under section 201 of this title.

#### TEMPORARY INCREASE IN SPECIAL PAY IN CONNECTION WITH PERSIAN GULF CONFLICT

Pub. L. 102-25, title III, §301, Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 80, provided that:

“(a) INCREASED RATE.—In lieu of the rate of special pay specified in section 310(a) of title 37, United States Code, the rate of special pay payable under that section shall be \$150 for each month during the period described in subsection (b).

“(b) PERIOD OF APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall apply during the period beginning on August 1, 1990, and ending on the first day of the first month beginning on or after the date 180 days after the end of the Persian Gulf conflict.”

#### IMMINENT DANGER PAY

Section 1111(a) of Pub. L. 101-510 provided that: “The Secretary of Defense may provide for the payment of imminent danger pay under section 310 of title 37, United States Code, to members of the Armed Forces assigned to duty in the Persian Gulf area in connection with Operation Desert Shield with respect to periods of duty served after August 1, 1990, and before the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 5, 1990].”

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 411a of this title; title 10 sections 701, 703, 1079; title 20 section 1087ee; title 24 section 412; title 42 section 1382a.

#### **[§ 311. Repealed. Pub. L. 99-145, title VI, § 639(b), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 651]**

Section, added Pub. L. 90-207, §1(2)(A), Dec. 16, 1967, 81 Stat. 651; amended Pub. L. 90-603, §1, Oct. 18, 1968, 82 Stat. 1187; Pub. L. 90-623, §3(5), Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1314; Pub. L. 93-274, §1(3), May 6, 1974, 88 Stat. 95; Pub. L. 93-394, §1, Aug. 29, 1974, 88 Stat. 792; Pub. L. 96-284, §4(d)(1)-(3), June 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 591, 592; Pub. L. 96-513, title IV, §414(b), title V, §516(7), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2906, 2938, provided for continuation pay for dentists in the armed forces. See section 302b of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1985, see section 639(f) of Pub. L. 99-145, set out as an Effective Date of 1985 Amendment note under section 302b of this title.

#### **§ 312. Special pay: nuclear-qualified officers extending period of active service**

(a) Under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, an officer of the naval service who—

(1) is entitled to basic pay;

(2) has the current technical qualification for duty in connection with supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants; and

(3) executes a written agreement to remain on active duty in connection with supervision,

operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants for a period of three, four, or five years, so long as the new period of obligated active service does not extend beyond the end of 26 years of commissioned service, in addition to any other period of obligated active service,

may, upon the acceptance by the Secretary or his designee of the written agreement, in addition to all other compensation to which he is entitled, be paid a sum of money not to exceed \$12,000 for each year of the active-service agreement. The Secretary of the Navy shall determine annually the necessity for continuance of the special pay and the rate of special pay per year for such active-service agreements accepted within each 12-month period. Upon acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary or his designee, the total amount payable shall be paid in equal annual installments over the length of the contract, commencing at the expiration of any existing period of obligated active service. The Secretary (or his designee) may accept an active service agreement under this section not more than one year in advance of the end of an officer's existing period of obligated active service under such an agreement. In such a case, the amount of the special pay may be paid commencing with the date of acceptance of the agreement, with the number of installments being equal to the number of years covered by the contract plus one.

(b) Pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy and subject to such exceptions as may be prescribed in those regulations, refunds, on a pro rata basis, of sums paid pursuant to this section may be required if the officer having received the payment fails to complete the full period of active duty in connection with supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants which he agreed to serve.

(c) Nothing in this section shall alter or modify the obligation of a regular officer to perform active service at the pleasure of the President. Completion of the additional period of active service under this section shall in no way obligate the President to accept a resignation submitted by a regular officer.

(d)(1) An officer who is performing obligated service under an agreement under subsection (a) may, if the amount that may be paid under such subsection is higher than at the time the officer executed such agreement, execute a new agreement under that subsection. The period of such an agreement shall be a period equal to or exceeding the original period of the officer's existing agreement, so long as the period of obligated active service under the new agreement does not extend beyond the end of 26 years of commissioned service. If a new agreement is executed under this subsection, the existing active-service agreement shall be cancelled, effective on the day before an anniversary date of that agreement after the date on which the amount that may be paid under this section is increased.

(2) This subsection shall be carried out under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy.

(e) The provisions of this section shall be effective only in the case of officers who, on or before September 30, 1996, execute the required written agreement to remain in active service.

(Added Pub. L. 91-20, §1(1), June 3, 1969, 83 Stat. 12; amended Pub. L. 92-581, §1(1), (2), Oct. 27, 1972, 86 Stat. 1277; Pub. L. 94-356, §2, July 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 901; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §516(8), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2938; Pub. L. 96-579, §2(a), Dec. 23, 1980, 94 Stat. 3359; Pub. L. 99-145, title VI, §632(a), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 643; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VI, §614(a), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1446; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, §702(b)(1), (c), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title VI, §613(g), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2783.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 103-337 substituted “September 30, 1996” for “September 30, 1995”.

1991—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 102-25 struck out “of this section” after “subsection (a)”.

1989—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 101-189 substituted “September 30, 1995” for “September 30, 1990”.

1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-145, §632(a)(1)(D), in provisions following numbered clauses, substituted “\$12,000” for “\$7,000”, “annually” for “semiannually”, “12-month period” for “six-month period”, and “shall be paid in equal annual installments over the length of the contract, commencing at the expiration of any existing period of obligated active service. The Secretary (or his designee) may accept an active service agreement under this section not more than one year in advance of the end of an officer's existing period of obligated active service under such an agreement. In such a case, the amount of the special pay may be paid commencing with the date of acceptance of the agreement, with the number of installments being equal to the number of years covered by the contract plus one” for “shall become fixed and shall be paid in four equal yearly installments, commencing at the expiration of the initial obligated service; except, the Secretary or his designee may accept the active-service agreement not more than one year in advance of the expiration of the initial obligated active service and the amount may then be paid in five yearly installments, not to exceed \$5,600 per year, commencing with the date of acceptance of the agreement”.

Subsec. (a)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 99-145, §632(a)(1)(A)-(C), inserted “and” at end of cl. (2), redesignated cl. (4) as (3) and substituted “for a period of three, four, or five years, so long as the new period of obligated active service does not extend beyond the end of 26 years of commissioned service,” for “for one period of four years”, and struck out former cl. (3) which related to an officer of the naval service who had not completed ten years of commissioned service.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-145, §632(a)(2), (3), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b), struck out “of four years” after “complete the full period”, and struck out former subsec. (b) which provided that no more than one agreement for each officer would be accepted under this section.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-145, §632(a)(4), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c), and substituted “additional period of active service under this section shall in no way obligate the President to accept a resignation submitted by a regular officer.” for “additional period of four years’ active service under this section shall in no way obligate the President to accept a resignation submitted by a regular officer at the end of the four-year period.” Former subsec. (c) redesignated (b).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99-145, §632(a)(5), added subsec. (d). Former subsec. (d) redesignated (c).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 99-145, §632(a)(6), substituted “September 30, 1990” for “September 30, 1987”.

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-579, §2(a)(1), substituted “\$7,000” and “\$5,600” for “\$5,000” and “\$4,000”, respectively.

Pub. L. 96-513 redesignated cls. (3) to (5) as (2) to (4), respectively. Former cl. (2) was repealed by Pub. L. 92-581, §1(2)(A), Oct. 27, 1972, 86 Stat. 1277.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 96-579, §2(a)(2), substituted "September 30, 1987" for "September 30, 1981".

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-356, §2(1), substituted "\$5,000" for "\$3,750" and "\$4,000" for "\$3,000".

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 94-356, §2(2), substituted "September 30, 1981" for "June 30, 1975".

1972—Pub. L. 92-581, §1(1), struck out "submarine" in section catchline.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 92-581, §1(2)(A), struck out cl. (2) which referred to officers of the naval service currently designated "qualified in submarines".

Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 92-581, §1(2)(B), substituted "on active duty in connection with supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants", for "in active submarine service".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 92-581, §1(2)(C), substituted "duty in connection with supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants", for "submarine service".

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 92-581, §1(2)(D), struck out "submarine".

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 92-581, §1(2)(E), substituted "1975" for "1973".

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Section 632(d) of Pub. L. 99-145 provided that: "The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 312b and 312c of this title] shall take effect on October 1, 1985."

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENTS

Section 2(d)(1) of Pub. L. 96-579 provided: "The amendments made by subsection (a)(1) [amending this section] shall apply only with respect to active-duty agreements under section 312 of title 37, United States Code, executed on or after the first day of the first month following the month in which this section is enacted [Dec. 1980]."

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Section 5 of Pub. L. 94-356 provided that: "This Act [enacting section 312b of this title, amending this section, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and section 301 of this title] becomes effective on the first day of the first month after enactment [Aug. 1, 1976], except that section 312c of title 37, United States Code, as added by this Act, is effective as of October 1, 1975."

#### ACTIVE SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR NUCLEAR QUALIFIED OFFICERS

Pub. L. 97-60, title I, §118, Oct. 14, 1981, 95 Stat. 997, provided that: "Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of section 312 of title 37, United States Code, and under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Navy may permit an officer of the naval service who is performing obligated service as the result of an active-service agreement executed under such section before January 1, 1981, to cancel that active-service agreement effective on the day before an anniversary of the day on which that agreement was executed and execute a new active-service agreement under such section for one period of four years. Any such cancellation of an existing agreement and execution of a new agreement may be effective on the day before an anniversary date occurring on or after January 1, 1981."

#### EXCHANGE OF ACTIVE SERVICE AGREEMENTS BY NAVAL OFFICERS

Section 4 of Pub. L. 94-356 provided that: "Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act [enacting sec-

tion 312b and 312c of this title, amending this section, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and section 301 of this title] or any other provision of law, and under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, an officer of the naval service who, on or after the effective date of this Act [see Effective Date of 1976 Amendment above], is, or will be, performing obligated service as the result of an active service agreement executed in accordance with section 312 of title 37, United States Code as it existed at any time before the effective date of this Act, may be permitted—

"(1) as of the last day of the first year of that obligated service, to cancel that active service agreement in exchange for a new active service agreement in accordance with section 312 of title 37, as amended by this Act; or

"(2) as of the last day of any year, other than the last year, of that obligated service, to cancel that active service agreement in exchange for eligibility for the annual bonus authorized by section 312c of title 37, as added by this Act, and an agreement to remain on active duty for a period of time equal to the period of obligated service remaining under that active service agreement".

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 312c of this title.

### § 312a. Special pay: nuclear-trained and qualified enlisted members

(a) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, an enlisted member of the naval service who—

(1) is entitled to basic pay;

(2) is currently qualified for duty in connection with the supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants; and

(3) has completed at least six, but not more than ten, years of active duty and executes, when eligible, a reenlistment agreement for not less than two years;

may upon acceptance of the reenlistment agreement by the Secretary of the Navy or his designee, be paid a bonus not to exceed six months of the basic pay to which he was entitled at the time of his discharge or release, multiplied by the number of years or the monthly fractions thereof of additional obligated service, not to exceed six years, or \$15,000, whichever is the lesser amount.

(b) Bonus payments authorized under this section may be paid in either a lump sum or in installments.

(c) An amount paid to a member under subsection (a) is in addition to all other compensation to which he is entitled and does not count against the limitation prescribed by section 308(a) of this title concerning the total amount of reenlistment bonus that may be paid.

(d) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, refunds, on a pro rata basis, of sums paid under subsection (a) may be required, and further payments terminated, if the member who has received the payment fails to complete his reenlistment contract or fails to maintain his technical qualification for duty in connection with supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants.

(e) Provisions of this section shall be effective only in the cases of members who, on or before